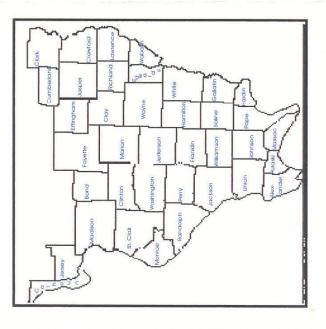
Anti-fraud efforts have returned \$25 to the U.S. treasury for every dollar spent on enforcement.

Since instituting the ACE Program in March 1996, the Southern District of Illinois has recovered over \$554,000,000 — including \$400,000,000 in damages and penalties in the civil settlement against the Ross Products Division of Abbot Laboratories.

Money collected by the ACE Unit has benefited the following:
Health Care Fraud Trust Fund Department of Health and Human Services United States Treasury Illinois Department of Public Aid Department of Opelense Department of Veterans Affairs Railroad Retirement Board Environmental Protection Agency

Contact the ACE Unit at (618) 628-3797 to report fraud.



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Affirmative Civil Enforcement



White collar fraud is an area of great concern to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois. Fraud, waste, and abuse deprive the people of the United States of necessary resources and cost the taxpayers billions of dollars every year.

Through the efficient, flexible, and timely use of the full range of civil and criminal remedies, the United States Attorney's Office and other federal and state agencies can bring about effective law enforcement against white collar

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## **United States Attorney's Office**

ACE REMEDIES:

Civil penalties and multiple damages allow the government to recover all losses.

ACE is the use of civil

remedies to recover

money wrongfully paid by the United

FALSE CLAIMS ACT:

3X DAMAGES

\$5,000 TO

civil penalties to deter similar future conduct.

States and the use of

\$10,000 PENALTIES PER

FALSE CLAIM

FRAUD INJUNCTIONS:

STOP ONGOING FRAUD FREEZE OR SEIZE

ASSETS

COMMON LAW FRAUD:

PUNITIVE DAMAGES ACTUAL DAMAGES

CONTRACT FRAUD -

FRAUD IN NEGOTIATION FRAUD IN SETTLEMENT REMEDIES EXIST FOR:

FRAUD IN DISPUTES AGENCY SPECIFIC FRAUD:

HUD FRAUD:

2X DAMAGES

MILITARY SURPLUS

\$2,000 PENALTIES 2X DAMAGES

DRUG DIVERSION:

\$10,000 PENALTIES

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Enforcement

The key to the Department's effort is to use the Government's federal white-collar crime enforcement resources as efficiently and effectively as possible in order to punish offenders, recover damages, and prevent future misconduct.

The challenge requires extensive cooperation, communication, civil attorneys and investigators who are often conducting parallel investigations of the same offenders and matters. In order to maximize the efficient use of resources, it is essential that investigative strategies involve steps common to civil and criminal and teamwork between criminal prosecutions. Our enforcement priorities encompass procurement and health care fraud, consumer protection, the environment, tax, and securities fraud, which implicate a variety of criminal, and regulatory remedies.

ADVANTAGES OF ACE:

1) LOWER BURDEN OF PROOF IN CIVIL PROSECUTIONS

2) NO REQUIREMENT TO PROVE SPECIFIC INTENT 3) HIGHER RECOVERIES THAN CRIMINAL FINES 4) CAN PREVENT DISSIPATION OF ASSETS

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